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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Analysis Group

SUBJECT : Resorts International, Inc.
#591 722

1. Attached to instant memorandum is an article from the 15 August 1976 edition of the New York Times captioned, "Bahama Gambling Group Considers Las Vegas-Type Casinos in Atlantic City." The article states that the corporation behind this venture is Resorts International, Inc. The article also reflects that Resorts International, Inc., was formerly the Mary Carter Paint Company.

2. Also attached to this memorandum is an extract from the 1969 book, "The Grim Reapers" which links the Mary Carter Paint Company to the gambling activities of the organized crime boss Meyer LANSKY. The extract also links Meyer LANSKY to Santo TRAFFICANTE. Additional information in the book, not attached, reflects that Santo TRAFFICANTE was Meyer LANSKY's gambling czar in pre-Castro Cuba.

3. Resorts International, Inc., is the Subject of OS file #591 722. This file reflects that Resorts International, Inc., was of interest to Cover and Commercial Staff, DDO, in 1972 and 1973. No other details are available.

4. The Wallace GROVES, mentioned in the attachments as being connected with Meyer LANSKY and the Mary Carter Paint Co./Resorts International, Inc., is identical with the Wallace GROVES who is the Subject of OS file #473 865. This file reflects that from April 1966 to April 1972, GROVES was of interest to the Office of the General Counsel for the utilization of GROVES as an advisor or possible officer of one of the Project WUMUTUAL entities. Additional information in this file would suggest that GROVES was connected with Meyer LANSKY. The file also reflects that in March 1975, Cover and Commercial Staff was somehow involved with two individuals connected with a corporation owned by GROVES, the Grand Bahama Development Corporation, Albert WHISNANT (#633 974) and John P. ROULETT (#639 997).

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5. The Robert D. PELOQUIN mentioned in the news article as being the head of a Resorts International subsidiary, is identical with Robert D. PELOQUIN (#624 168). However, the file reflects that in 1970, PELOQUIN was a Vice President of Resorts International, Inc. The file further shows that PELOQUIN was formerly connected with INTERTEL and as such was engaged by the Hughes Tool Company to conduct a sweeping investigation into the affairs and past activities of Robert A. MAHEU. MAHEU, as you are aware, was used by this Agency for introduction to organized crime figures for assassination planning directed at Fidel CASTRO in the early 1960's. Also, as you are aware, the MAHEU/organized crime contact eventually led to the above mentioned Santo TRAFFICANTE.

6. As you are aware, the Senate Select Committee, during the deliberation of that body into the activities of this Agency, evidenced interest in the Mary Carter Paint Co., Robert D. PELOQUIN, INTERTEL, Santo TRAFFICANTE and Robert A. MAHEU.

7. It is recommended that instant memorandum, as well as the attachments, be brought to the attention of the General Counsel and the Cover and Commercial Staff.

Jerry G. Brown
Deputy Chief
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Atts:
As stated (Original only)

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